

The *Sourabaya* Latraut hears that petroleum speculation at Samarang has been a losing business in most cases. Dealers there have hence taken up the idea of starting a syndicate to control the trade, and that quarter with a view to ensure profits. All the firms interested have signed a contract, the idea being to agree to sell articles only at a fixed price, slightly higher than that ruling, but enough to increase considerably the gains of the syndicate owing to the large demand for petroleum at Samarang. At Batavia, too, the refined petroleum dealers who have stocks of their own, besides 35,000 cases held in joint account, have also combined with a view to raise prices. At Sourabaya this is less chance of any success, owing to the fact that there is no one firm to drive too fierce a competition to admit of joint action.

but that Governor Des Vaux declined to telegraph to the Secretary of State and did so on the ground that it was tantamount to accepting the motion, to the effect that the members of the committee should be telegraphed to Lord Kintouff to stay his hand.

That the Governor declined to telegraph on 21st April, the officials sent the message on the 22nd, and now we learn that Sir H. Exell was constrained to telegraph on the 26th!

That the English Mail and to be conveyed despatches from Lord Kintouff arrived here on the 27th April, at which time the despatch was received, and that the receipt of the despatch was preceded by a telegram in reply to the Governor's directing the suspension action pending receipt of further orders.

Hoped by thousands in Canton, that the Peking Government will put down these licensed theatres. The riot to an onlooker at a safe distance was an amusing spectacle. The soldiers came out and began ranting about indiscriminately among the people, picking up bricks and stones, but as this is a kind of soldiering that others can play at, the mob returned the compliments and a general pelting ensued. A more undignified and unsoldier-like performance is seldom witnessed. A stronger attack and defence are expected to-morrow.

when a large man is sitting in the front position to learn his first big lesson in humiliation.—*Alchison Globe.*

THERE are so many people in the world who laugh all the way home, and stop as soon as they reach the door.—*Alchison Globe.*

"I wish I could stop," remarked a Pittsburg girl yesterday to her bashful admirer. "I wish I could stop just getting the young man, but you can—you can—" "Can what?" "Pair with me."—*Pittsburg Dispatch.*

As a fly as a fox was he, and she
As soft as the dainty dove,
And so he wrote her a bushel of notes
That spoke of his deathless love.
But he was a fox, and she a fading ink,
And thus she had been deceived
If she hadn't, in fact, photographed them all
As fast as they were received.

swarm of bees, and removed the stones in order to get at the supposed bees.

PUBLICATION.—Of what use is the editor of a paper? Young Reporter.—To make a long story short.

The truth should not be spoken at all times; and even a lie should be given a little rest between campaigns. —Puck

It is not often you find a man so greedy to desire to monopolize all the virtues. *Love's Transcript.*

Love's Travels.—She.—Love goes where it goes; I have heard. He.—More likely it goes where it is dollars!

SECOND SIGHT.—"Their was a case of love at first sight." "Why didn't they marry?" They changed their minds at second sight.

A seat among the Forty Immortals having become vacant by the death of Outate Kouilleul, M. Emile Kolo is again a candidate for admission into the Institute. The Government has appointed a special committee charged with the Bill on Literary Betting and Betting on Race-courses has received replies to its questions from seven of the six General Councils out of a total of twenty. Of these seventy-six Departmental Councils, twenty-five are in favour of the measure, twenty are favourable to the maintenance of betting with proper supervision, while only nine are pronounced against betting, and one has declared itself unconcerned. Twelve General Councils having close ties with Senegal are in favour of the measure. Without deliberating on the question, there

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BAROMETR. reduced to 83 degrees Fahrenheit
and to the level of the sea in inches, tenth
hundredths.

TEMPERATURE in the shade in degrees
centigrade.

HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the
density of air saturated with moisture being
unity.

DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort's
Scale.

SKIES OF WEATHER, a blue sky, a de-
veloped cloud, a circling, rain, fog, a gloom,
rain, lightning, a overcast, a passing storm,
usually, a rain, rain, a thunder, a violent,
a low (inches), rain and hundredths.

